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1. The Pinow (N 53/V08) airfield was observed daily between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. with a good visibility and a cloud base of 2,000 to 3,000 meters. Two biplanes, thirty-two fighters of two types and thirty-three jet aircraft were counted at the field. Some jet planes were covered with tarpaulins.
2. Description of aircraft:
 - a. Jet plane: Air intake in nose, air exhaust at tail, mid-wing monoplane, wings considerably swept back, wing tips cut, high rudder assembly lateral to the rear, swept-back elevator assembly set at upper half of rudder assembly, nose wheel retracting rearward, main landing gear retracting inward.
 - b. Fighter: One radial engine, three-bladed propeller, low-wing monoplane, leading edge of wings straight, trailing edge tapering, rounded wing tips, elevator assembly ellipsoidal, cockpit set between leading and trailing edges of wings, landing gear retracting inward, retractable tail wheel, a fixed weapon in each wing protruding about 30 cm beyond leading edge, Pitot tube at left wing; painted gray-green.
 - c. Fighter: In-line engine, three-bladed propeller, painted blue; other features could not be observed.
3. The fighters of type b made individual local flights between 21 and 23 March 1950. A biplane coming from the south landed at the field every day about 1:45 p.m. and took off about 2:15 p.m. heading west. Six pairs of jet aircraft (without markings) took off at intervals of about 20 meters, between 1 and 2 p.m. on 24 March 1950. They returned 20 to 25 minutes later.

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4. a. The airfield troops were quartered in Pinow dwelling houses and cantonment buildings. No AA gun emplacements or lighting facilities were seen at the field. A red buoy of about 50-cm height was lying in the middle of the east end of the runway.
- b. The following motor vehicles were seen between the field and the quarters:
- B 7-84-78 truck L 5-30-72 jeep
 L 7-84-94 " F 3-06-23
 B 7-85-23 " F 3-04-61 tank truck coming from the
 direction of Biesenthal (N 53/Z 97)
5. a. No radar sets were seen near the Pinowfurt (N 53/Z 98) farm-yard (for location see Annex). The farmhouse was occupied by 60 to 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets (F-3). No military activity was noticed.
- b. Truck F 7-43-92 carried food to the farmhouse on 21 and 22 March 1950. All buildings were closed except the garage. Every day about 10:30 a.m. a truck left the garage, driving to the radio station on the eastern edge of the airfield and returning about 4:30 p.m. The truck had a wooden superstructure with a 30 x 80 x 120-cm wooden headpiece, the frontside of which was open. It seemed to be empty.
6. The radio station near the farm-yard had four braced 8 to 10-meter metal masts set in a square, about 6 meters apart, and a closed 2 x 2 x 3-meter steel cabin set on four about 50-cm supports, in the center of the square. Each of the two bunkers east of the farm-yard had four ventilation shafts. Deep motor vehicle trails led to the bunkers guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered, black epaulets and red arm bands (F-3).

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- a. [REDACTED] the airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments, one of which is equipped with LA-9s and the other with Yak-3s or Yak-9s. Both regiments apparently are being re-equipped with type 14 jet aircraft. Forty-two jet planes was the maximum seen at the field at the same time. The number of conventional fighters has been reduced by about 20 since 1 March 1950.

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It is not known whether these aircraft have been transferred.

- b. The reported motor vehicle numbers indicate that the fighter regiments are assigned to the III Ftr Corps.
- c. The present location of the two radar sets previously emplaced near the Finowfurt farm-yard is unknown.
- d. From this report it is assumed that the farm-yard is occupied by an army unit, but previous reports indicate an air force unit there. The transfer of the air force unit has not been reported by other sources.
- e. The radio station with four masts, near the farm-yard, is reported for the first time.

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